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that it was...it was...and he didn't use these words, but I will, somewhat of a blank check, there was not an appropriation in there. Toward the very end, Senator, on page 5 of AM2215, we do lay out \$400,000 to the Legislative Council, so there is a...there is a limit on what we'll do here. I don't think that much will be necessary to...to get the job done, once we go through, but it may, and that was our best guess at this point. Like I said, those records are very...they're very old; many of them are handwritten, it's hard to figure out exactly what somebody earned, how much they would have been able to contribute had they been able to do so. So \$400,000 was our best guess as to a top end estimate of what the council would be required to spend to make these people whole that were here prior to 1983, under the age of 30, or under the age of 25 prior to 1988, I believe it is. So, it was the best...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...it was the best guess we had at the time here with the drafting. So I would urge us to move this back to Select File, adopt AM2215 and AM2216, which is a small clean-up amendment for AM2215, and then go ahead and advance this back to Final Reading and pass it this year. I'm comfortable that we'll be doing the right thing, we'll be taking care of those employees with an immediate need. And, Senator Landis, the immediate need is there are, as I understand it, two or three who may retire shortly, between now and next year. And so I guess that's the immediate need to pass this bill which essentially will simply create the ability of the Legislative Council to take care of those folks. It will not set up the sixth plan; that will be done next year, and we'll have time for all of us to be involved in the crafting of that plan. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bruning. Senator Wickersham, followed by Senator Chambers, Senator Jensen, Senator Landis, Senator Bourne and Senator Redfield. Senator Wickersham, on the motion to return LB 75 to Select File.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I think that Senator Bruning made reference to a trailing amendment which is really the one